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Captain Jay Yokomizo

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jay Yokomizo, and I am asking for your approval to be selected as a member of the MLPA stakeholder group for the North Central Coast.

I have been involved and employed in the sportfishing business for over 30 years, starting as a deckhand on the charter boats, and then working as a captain for nearly 20 years. I have spent all of those years fishing out of Berkeley and Emeryville, as well as a short stint in Alaska.

I have vast experience in fishing our North Coast waters, fishing from Cordell Banks all the way to Pigeon Point off of the San Mateo Coast. I have also fished many years at the Farallon Islands, as well as in San Francisco Bay. I have extensive knowledge of our coastal reefs, and reefs in San Francisco Bay.

As for my affiliations, I am a past member of United Anglers of California, and am currently an active member of the Golden Gate Sportfishing Association, an organization that plays a vital role in fishery issues and marine resource management.

I do not have any past involvement in the MLPA public process, but am very willing to join this process as I feel that I have extensive expertise in our local and offshore reefs, and feel that I could make a valuable addition to the MLPA process with the knowledge that I have gained from my experience in the sportfishing business, and am willing to commit the time to be a participant in this process.

As far as communicating with other entities, I would be willing to communicate with my association, the GGFA, and any other entities that would be looking for information on the MLPA process. As I have stated earlier, this process would be new for me, and I would be thankful for any constructive advice to which I could do this job the most effectively.

In closing, I would like to thank you in advance for considering my membership in this process, and if I am selected, I feel that I could make a valuable contribution.

Thank you,

Jay Yokomizo